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SUBJECT: MIXED REVIEW ON DISSIDENT ARTISTS

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1. O. IVANOVA REVIEWED ART EXHIBITION (REFTEL)
SPONSORED BY GRAPHIC ARTISTS TRADE UNION IN
VECHERVYAYA MOSKVA, NOVEMBER 20. THREE DISSIDENT
ARTISTS -- V. ZHDAN, O. KANDAUROV, AND D. PLAVINSKIY
WERE PRAISED WHILE REMAINING THREE DISSIDENTS WERE
CRITICIZED. V. NEMUKHIN AND L. MASTERKOVA WERE
ACCUSED OF PUZZLING VIEWERS WHO HAD NO CLEAR
INDICATION OF PAINTERS' DIDACTIC PURPOSE.
OSKAR RABIN'S "VILLAGE NUDE" WAS SAID TO AROUSE
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OUTRIGHT HOSTILITY. REVIEWER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT

BETTER WORKS WILL BE SHOWN AT SUBSEQUENT EXHIBITION
OF 400 ARTISTS WHICH THE TRADE UNION COMMITTEE OF
GRAPHIC ARTISTS IS NOW PREPARING.

2. COMMENT: EVIDENTLY THE BAIT IS NOW BEFORE THOSE
ARTISTS WHO ARE WILLING TO COMPROMISE WITH THE
ESTABLISHMENT. MEANWHILE, NON-UNION ARTIST
CLAIM THAT THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON THE SECOND
UNOFFICIAL EXHIBITION AS FOLLOW-UP TO IZMAILOVSKIY
PARK SHOW OF SEPTEMBER 29. THEIR REPRESENTATIVES
(GLEZER AND THE TWO RUBINS) MET NOVEMBER 21 WITH
MOSCOW CITY SOVIET OFFICIALS WHO REPORTEDLY SAID
THEY WERE WEIGHING SITES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR
A POSSIBLE INDOOR SHOWING IN DECEMBER.
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